

## SHIP BOARD MAKES BIG STRIDES UNDER CHAIRMAN HURLEY

The American merchant marine is well on its way toward world supremacy today.

Six weeks after the appointment of Edward N. Hurley as chairman of the United States Shipping Board finds rapid advances made. Decision and action have been the policy of the board for the past month and a half. Two weeks of the six were used in straightening out the tangles caused by the retirement of General Goethals and Chairman Denham. Four weeks have been devoted to hard work, and much has been accomplished.

The foremost accomplishment has been the actual letting of contracts for 200 fabricated steel ships.

Three Yards Under Way. Three Government shipyards for the manufacture of fabricated steel vessels are under way. They are located at Newark, N. J., Chester, Pa., and Hog Island, Pa. Private firms will build the ships for the United States in these yards.

The Shipping Board has also taken over 1,500,000 tons of allied ships now under construction on ways in the United States.

Plans formulated, but not yet put in effect, by the Shipping Board will cut ocean freight rates from 75 per cent. Under this plan a chartering board will have supervision over all charters made by American ship owners. This gives the Shipping Board virtual control of freight rates. Merchant ships of the Great Lakes

## 465,000,000 Jars Of Canned Goods In U. S. Pantries

Four hundred and sixty million jars of canned fruits and vegetables have been placed on the pantry shelves of American homes this fall.

According to statistics compiled by the National Emergency Food Garden Commission there are more fruits, vegetables, preserves, and jellies stored away for the winter than ever before in the country's history.

which ordinarily lay idle during the winter months, are being moved to the coast for trans-ocean use. It is expected that forty or more of these vessels will be in service on the Atlantic before snow flies.

Ocean-going tugs are to be placed under central control. This will insure greatest efficiency and standardized rates.

Consideration is now being given to a proposition to take over the half million or more tons of neutral shipyard, under construction in American shipyards.

The accomplishments of the shipping board in the past month are material. There have been half a score of other accomplishments which will show their worth only in the course of time.

Board Acts Efficiently.

The shipping board is acting quickly and efficiently. The future of America's merchant marine, as well as war-time needs, are carefully considered before every move. When peace comes there is every indication that the United States flag will have a dominant place in world wide commerce.

## ADVENTURERS LONG SOUGHT TO SECURE MRS. KING'S MONEY

(By Special Correspondent.)

CONCORD, N. C., Sept. 10.—State authorities today again had postponed opening of official investigation into the unaccounted killing here by pistol or rifle shot of Mrs. Maud A. King, wealthy Chicago woman.

Secret agents of the Department of Justice now on the scene, however, together with private detectives, had begun a searching inquiry.

Strange Tales Unearthed.

Meantime, investigations in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Washington, and even, it was believed, as far as Scotland Yard, London, were bringing to light strange tales of a band of adventurers who supposedly had hunted Mrs. King from Monte Carlo across two continents to sap her fortune.

Whether this supposed band will prove eventually to have been connected with her death directly or indirectly, or whether in reality it was an accidental death, those in best position to know swear it was, or whether again some as yet unrevealed third agency had intervened, was facing investigators.

State Official Visits Scene.

State Solicitor Hayden Clement, in charge of the prosecution, after a hurried visit to the scene last night plainly indicated he was unimpressed with the inquest testimony of Gaston Bullock Means, Mrs. King's private adviser, who is supposedly the only person immediately by her at her death.

The denseness of the underbrush at the forest spring to which Means swears the party had motored for "target practice" and the intense gloom at 8 o'clock when the tragedy occurred, Clement believed, appeared incompatible with Means' statement he had seen Mrs. King thirty feet away with the tiny caliber automatic in her hands.

Means had sworn he had to strike a match at the spring to see whether there were bugs on the surface.

Mrs. Melvin Defends Means.

Mrs. Mary Melvin, however, sister of the dead woman, who next to Means is said to be the most familiar with Mrs. King's international peregrinations, and to have played a leading part in attempts to free her from alleged "persecutions," stoutly maintained Means' loyalty.

Aligned against these three were Mrs. King's aged mother, Mrs. Annie Robinson, of Asheville, N. C., and Mrs. King's two brothers, who in Chicago pressing the investigation.

These were frankly dissatisfied with the coroner's jury finding of "accidental death."

Mrs. Melvin, while refusing to discuss her mother's demands for investigation, remarked she was inclined to be somewhat "flighty."

CHRONOLOGICAL STORY OF MRS. KING'S LIFE ON BECOMING POOR WIDOW

Here is the chronological story of the high lights in the recent life of Mrs. Maud A. King, mysteriously shot to death at Concord, N. C., while on an automobile trip with Gaston Bullock Means, a former private detective, whom she had engaged as her business adviser.

1913—Left a widow, with a relatively insignificant allowance, by James C. King, Chicago multi-millionaire.

1914—Succeeded in effort to break will and is given an income of \$24,000 a year by the court.

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1915—Usually accompanied by Means, who practically manages all

## Raw Weather Gives Promise of Early Straw Hat Curfew

Unless warmer weather sets in immediately, the straw hat of 1917 will be discarded before its usual season is over, according to statements of straw hat dealers.

Officially, the "gun" for straw hats is fired on September 15, which makes next Saturday the traditional day for dragging out last year's felt hat, but already the straw hat has become a rarity, chiefly due to cold, rainy weather.

A census of the church-going crowd today showed a very small minority of the men wearing the straws that served them during August.

her finances, Mrs. King travels about the country. Blackmailers again begin hounding her and she buries herself in a small fashionable hotel in Chicago, living the life almost of a recluse.

1915—Family of Mrs. King appeal to the Department of Justice to protect her sister from blackmailers, and ask prosecution of one of them under the Mann white slave act.

Continues Life of Recluse.

1916—Continues life of recluse. 1917—Summoned to New York by "father" messenger, that her mother is dying. Draws \$50,000 from bank before starting.

1917—Midsummer—Means declares he has found a new will left by the dead millionaire leaving his entire estate, of about \$5,000,000 to widow.

August, 1917—Mrs. King, accompanied by Means, goes to Asheville, N. C., to visit her mother.

August 29, 1917—Starts on automobile trip, with Means.

August 29, evening—is fatally shot.

August 30—Means, only witness at inquest, testifies Mrs. King shot herself accidentally, while practicing target shooting. Verdict of accidental death returned.

August 31—Intimate friends and relatives of dead woman express doubt of Means' story. Declare Mrs. King had a marked aversion to firearms of all sorts, and was afraid to touch them.

September 6—Inquest reopened at request of Paul and William Robinson, of Morrison, Ill., brothers of dead woman.

Sept. 7—Second autopsy shows Mrs. King was shot behind the left ear. Physicians declare wound could not have been self-inflicted.

Sept. 8—Mother of dead woman declares she is convinced her daughter was murdered.

Sept. 9—Members of family in Chicago plan to demand an accounting of funds of Mrs. King by Means.

Sept. 10—Trust company attorney in Chicago declares second will, presented by Means, a forgery.

Sept. 10—Means declares innocence, denies charge he squandered Mrs. King's money. Says he protected her and safeguarded her funds.

MILITARY FUNERAL FOR PRIVATE WORTHINGTON

Military honors will be paid at the funeral tomorrow of Robert Worthington, 32 years old, a private of Company E, Third regiment, District national guard, who was accidentally killed on a farewell visit to his home from Fort Myer, where he was training.

Worthington accidentally discharged a rifle he was cleaning in Garrett Park, Md., early yesterday. The bullet entered his head, and he died instantly.

Capt. Thomas C. Earnshaw, commander of Company E, with whose officers and men Worthington was a favorite, was the head of a committee of officers which visited the scene of the shooting. They reported to Col. Glendie B. Young, regimental commander, that the death of the guardsman was the result of an accident.

Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery. The funeral will be held from the residence of his parents in Garrett Park at 10 o'clock. The body then will be escorted to Arlington for entombment.

MARJORIE THOMPSON TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

"Marjorie is going back to school." This is the statement today of Miss Eugenia Harper, aunt of fifteen-year-old Marjorie Thompson, of 15 Grant place north-west, whose disappearance of nearly six weeks caused a nationwide search.

"Marjorie's schooling is not complete by several years, and we intend to see that she is educated properly," said Miss Harper.

The aunt's arrival here preceded that of Mrs. Marie Thompson and daughter, who arrived home late yesterday evening from Philadelphia.

"Marjorie is not ill," said Miss Harper, "but only sorry for the trouble she caused."

2,000 AT MARINE CONCERT.

Two thousand persons attended the second of the Marine Band Sunday concerts held on the Monument grounds yesterday afternoon. The Sunday concerts were arranged by the District War Service Commission largely for the benefit of the soldiers quartered in and near Washington, who formed a large part of the band's audience yesterday.

Lesson in Scientific Complexion Renewing

Everyone has a beautiful skin underneath the one exposed to view. Bear that in mind and it will be easier to understand the correct principle in acquiring a lovely complexion. Nature is constantly shedding the top skin in flaky particles that drift off, only much smaller in size, in abnormal conditions, or in advancing age, these particles are not shed as rapidly as in robust youth. The longer they remain the more soiled or faded they become—that's the immediate cause of a "bad complexion."

It has been discovered that ordinary so-called wax, to be had at any drug store, will absorb these "worn-out" particles. The absorption, while hastening the process, goes on gradually enough to cause no inconvenience. In a few days the transformation is complete. The fresh, healthy, youthful undertone is then wholly in evidence. You will be not satisfied with the complexion should get an ounce of marvellous wax and try this treatment. Use the wax nightly, like cold cream, washing it off mornings.

## SELECTIVE PARADE SCENES ARE SHOWN BY HEARST-PATHE

Those persons who were unable to see the recent parade in honor of the District's quota for new national army will have an opportunity to see it in motion pictures. In the Hearst-Pathe news motion pictures, shown this week in Washington theaters, there are several scenes from the parade.

Other new pictures included in the review are Sixth avenue in New York transformed into a Venetian street when a twenty-inch water main bursts; national guardsmen reaching their cantonments at Spartanburg, S. C.; Cardinal Farley bidding good-bye to New England troops; mackerel fishing in California; Colonel Roosevelt at Mineola, and armored street cars used during a strike at San Francisco.

There are usual pictures of King Albert and his troops, as well as of the other allies in the Flanders' advance. American troops are seen reviewed by King George of England on their way to the firing line.

MENNONITES WILL NOT FIGHT.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—Followers of the Mennonite faith will absolutely refuse to fight, drafted or not, according to a statement made public today by Bishop Grude, local head of the Mennonite church. The statement declares: "Mennonites will die before they will fight."

EAST BUYS MUCH WINE.

FRESNO, Cal., Sept. 10.—Eastern jobbers and consumers of wine, realizing the rapidly rising prices, are filling their cellars with California wine and brandy. Extraordinarily heavy shipments are moving eastward from the Fresno district. The manufacturers are trying to dispose of part of their stocks before the new war taxes go into effect.

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## I. W. W. MUST GO, CONGRESS LEADERS ARE ALL AGREED

Congress stands back of the Department of Justice in warring on the I. W. W. Interviews with members of House and Senate disclose that they are practically a unit in opposing the activities of the I. W. W., and in favoring prosecutions.

If necessary, Congress will give any additional power needed to the President to cope with this organization.

Senators Borah, Hiram Johnson, Reed, Brady, Myers, and Thompson declare against the I. W. W., and say in effect that it must go.

Congressman Kahn of California and Congressman of Washington express like views.

The subject has come up for discussion at various times in the Senate, and may come up again this week. Action may be taken on proposed legislation to curb I. W. W. activities.

SEX SEGREGATION AT NIPPON MOVIES Drives Girls Away

American girls and youths are not alone in their desire to watch the movie films in darkened theaters.

A consular report from Tokyo says that since the Japanese authorities have ruled that youths and girls must sit in different sections of moving picture theaters, the attendance of the young women has fallen off materially.

The report also states that since a new and rigorous censorship has barred the showing of pictures portraying triangle love problems, scenes of violent love or anger, and other intense drama on the films to children, a brisk demand has sprung up for milder photoplays which can be exhibited to the little ones.

However, the report says, even the children demand something rather snappy.

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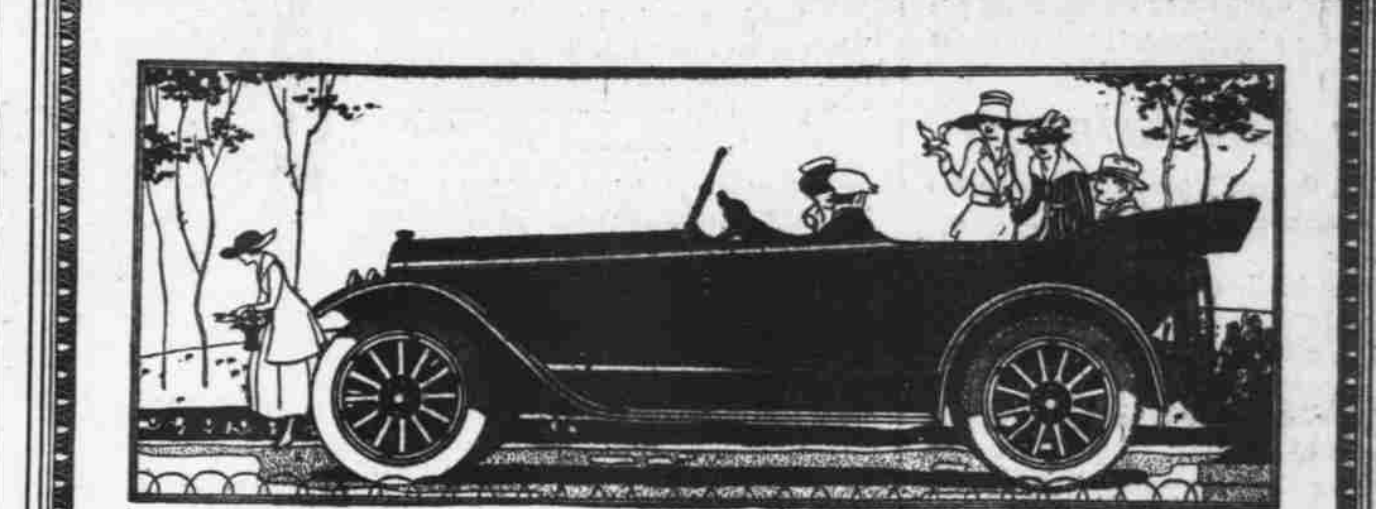
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